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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN NOTE ON BELIZE TO OAS

SUMMARY: NOVEMBER 9 GUATEMALAN REPRESENTATIVE TO OAS
DELIVERED NOTE TO CHAIRMAN OF PERMANENT COUNCIL CALLING TO
COUNCIL'S ATTENTION BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS AND TERMING
UK MOVES AS QUOTE ARMED THREAT WHICH, IF THEY PERSIST
OR INTENSIFY;COULD POSSIBLY OBLIGE MY GOVERNMENT (GOG)
TO FORMALLY REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF THE ORGAN
OF CONSULTATION, IN APPLICATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
TREATY OF RECIPRICOL ASSISTANCE, FOR THE PURPOSE
COVERED BY ARTICLE SIX ... UNQUOTE. END SUMMARY.

BEGIN TEXT: AT THE INSTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA, I HAVE THE HONOR OF ADDRESSING
YOUR EXCELLENCY TO REPORT THROUGH YOUR EXCELLENCY TO
THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT BEGINNING
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ON NOVEMBER 4, 1975, THE GOVERNMENT OF AN EXTRA-

CONTINENTAL POWER, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND NORTHERN IRELAND, BEGAN AN INTENSIVE ACTION OF INTIMIDATION AND ARMED THREAT AGAINST MY COUNTRY BY LANDING ON THE GUATEMALAN TERRITORY OF BELIZE, WHICH IT HOLDS UNLAWFULLY AND WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, A LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS OF EVERY KIND AND WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS FOR LAND, SEA AND

AIR FORCES, ALL OF WHICH CONSTITUTES A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE INVIOABILITY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF GUATEMALA, CONSTITUTING, MOREOVER, A LATENT DANGER TO THE PEACE OF THE HEMISPHERE.

IT IS DECEITFULLY ATTEMPTED TO JUSTIFY THE INTIMIDATING ACTION AND ARMED THREAT BY CLAIMING PREPARATIONS FOR INVASION OF BELIZE, BY GUATEMALA, BASED ON THE ROUTINE TROOP MOVEMENTS OF GUATEMALA WITHIN ITS TERRITORY IN 10 ORDINARY TRUCKS TO RELIEVE A MILITARY CONTINGENT ESTABLISHED IN POPTUN, A COMMUNITY LOCATED 120 KILOMETERS FROM BELIZE, WHEN, TO THE CONTRARY, THE UNITED KINGDOM IS ATTEMPTING TO COVER UP ITS INTENTION OF PREYING ON GUATEMALAN TERRITORY BY DIRECTING, UNILATERALLY AND BEHIND THE BACK OF GUATEMALA, THE INDEPENDENCE OF THAT TERRITORY ARBITRARILY USURPED BY ENGLAND. THE THREATENING ACTION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM CONSISTS OF SENDING WARSHIPS, NAVAL AND AIR TRANSPORTS, MUNITIONS AND WEAPONS, JET COMBAT AIRCRAFT, VERTICAL-TAKEOFF AIRCRAFT, ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS, COMBAT HELICOPTERS AND SEVERAL REGIMENTS OF SPECIALIZED TROOPS, AND IT NOW HAS AN AIRLIFT TO CONTINUE THIS UNSPEAKABLE THREAT TO AN AMERICAN REPUBLIC.

THE TERRITORY OF BELIZE IS PART OF THE GUATEMALAN NATION AND IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ITS TERRITORY, BUT OCCUPIED WITHOUT ENTITLEMENT TO ANY SOVEREIGNTY BY ENGLAND, FOR WHICH REASON IT HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SUBMITTED TO THE PEACEFUL PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND BY INTERNATIONAL LAW.

THE INTER-AMERICAN REGIONAL SYSTEM WHICH FUNCTIONS WITHIN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE WORLD SYSTEM OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION, ON THE BASIS OF ARTICLE 52 OF ITS CHARTER, CREATED THE AMERICAN SYSTEM FOR ENDING COLONIALISM IN AMERICA AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, AND STRENGTHENED IT AT THE CONFERENCE OF BOGOTA HELD IN 1948, WHERE IT CLASSIFIED THE COLONIAL TERRITORIES AND BELIZE, AMONG OTHER TERRITORIES, AS OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

THE LATIN AMERICAN STATES UPON THOSE OCCASIONS AND UP
TO THE PRESENT TIME HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SOLIDARITY
WITH GUATEMALAN IN ITS JUST CLAIM TO BELIZE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO INFORM THE
PERMANENT COUNCIL AND THE MEMBER STATES PARTIES TO THE
INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE OF THIS

INTIMIDATING SITUATION AND ARMED THREAT WHICH, IF THEY
PERSIST OR INTENSIFY, COULD POSSIBLY OBLIGE MY
GOVERNMENT TO FORMALLY REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE MEETING
OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION, IN APPLICATION OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE, FOR
THE PURPOSES COVERED BY ARTICLE SIX AND THE OTHERS
THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE ACCORDING TO THE SITUATION.

I FORMALLY REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY TO HAVE THIS
COMMUNICATION CIRCULATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS AN
OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL AND, IF YOUR
EXCELLENCY SO DEEMS PERTINENT, TO TRANSMIT IT BY WAY
OF INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS ORGANIZATION.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY MOST
DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.

/S/ EDUARDO CASTILLO ARRIOLA. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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